

**SB 5583.E - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Requires the department to develop a curriculum designed to train the staff of the department's children's administration on how to screen and respond to referrals to child protective services when those referrals may involve victims of abuse or neglect between the ages of eleven and eighteen.

Provides that, as it develops its curriculum pursuant to this act, the department shall request that the office of the family and children's ombudsman review and comment on its proposed training materials. The department shall consider the comments and recommendations of the office of the family and children's ombudsman as it develops the curriculum required by this act.

Requires the department to complete the curriculum materials required by this act no later than December 31, 2005.

Requires the department to review a sampling of the screening decisions by child protective services related to children between the ages of eleven and eighteen on a quarterly basis through June 30, 2007.

Requires the department to use the results of the quarterly reviews required by this act to improve practice and to improve the curriculum required by this act. The department shall also report to the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature on the quarterly reviews required by this act on August 1, 2006, and August 1, 2007.